

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-11 remain in application with claims 3 and 11 having been amended hereby and claim 8 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to claims 3, 4, and 11 as containing informalities.

Claim 3 has been amended hereby as suggested by the examiner.

In regard to claim 4, the objection raised by the examiner was corrected in the Preliminary Amendment filed in this application on March 28, 2002. Thus, the objection has already been dealt with.

Claim 11 has been amended as suggested by the examiner to include the term "wherein".

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now corrected and contain no informalities.

The cancellation of claim 8 renders moot the rejection thereof under 35 USC 102(b).

Notice is respectfully taken of the allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, and 10.

Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to claims 3 and 11 hereby, it is respectfully submitted that all claims in this application are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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